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SUBJ: GOL REACTION TO MORO KIDNAPPING

1. PRIME MINISTER THORN RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
ON MARCH 16. BEGIN TEXT: IT IS ATROCIOUS TO BE FORCED
TO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE REACHED A POINT WHERE PEOPLE
HAVE TO FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY FUL-
FILL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE LAW AND IN THE
INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY. THIS ACT ILLUSTRATES HOW
ESSENTIAL IT IS TO DRAW THE APPROPRIATE CONCLUSIONS, THAT
IS, THAT ONE MUST NEVER GIVE INTO BLACKMAIL.
EVEN IF WE DON'T SHARE EXACTLY THE SAME POLITICAL
IDEAS MR. MORO IS A FRIEND . . . WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL BE
LIBERATED SOON. BUT, HE WILL NEVER FORGET THE ACT OR THE
DEATH OF THOSE WHO WERE WITH HIM. END TEXT.

2. THORN'S SENTIMENTS OF SHOCK AND OUTRAGE WERE ECHOED
BY ALL LUXEMBOURG POLITICAL LEADERS INCLUDING THE
PRESIDENT OF LUXEMBOURG'S COMMUNIST PARTY. LOWENSTEIN

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